

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

February 28, 2018

This is a regular meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee. The notice requirements of the law have been satisfied for this meeting by notice to the Star Gazette and Express Times of the time, date and location thereof. Notice was also posted on the announcement board located in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. Misertino, Mayor Watters

Salute to the flag was done by all.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

Mayor Watters presented the Junior Streaks Senior Recreation Division awards for their participation in the UCA competition in Orlando, Florida.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONTRACTUAL, PERSONNEL

Mr. Hayes made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:40 pm, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Mr. Wenner, Esq. stated that we would be entering into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter with the Teamsters and a personnel matter.

Return to regular session at 8:19 pm.

Roll Call: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. Misertino, Mayor Watters

Mr. Wenner, Esq stated that during Executive Session the Committee discussed contract negotiations with the Teamsters, and a personnel matter dealing with the DPW, copies of these minutes will be available as soon as the Committee feels they are no longer a harm to the public interest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 14, 2018, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. Misertino, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the minutes from the Executive Session Meeting held on February 14, 2018, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. Misertino, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

BILL LIST:

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the bill list that was revised, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. Misertino, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

CLERKS REPORT:

Ms. Hrebenak stated that she had nothing to report.

FINANCE REPORT:

Mrs. Mollineaux stated that the Annual Financial Statement was sent to the state on time.

Mrs. Mollineaux also stated that she would be meeting with the Finance Liaisons to begin the budget process.

Mrs. Mollineaux explained that we should be ready to introduce by March 28, 2018 meeting.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Mr. Kastrud went through his report with the Township Committee.

The review has begun of the last six years of plans and deeds to come up with a list of what needs to be done to update the tax maps.

The Stormwater permit review has begun, by the middle of March a memo with the changes from the previous permit will be submitted to the Committee.

Dena is waiting for the signed contract from contractor for the Watters Road grant project.

On Friday the DOT announced their Phase I grant recipients and Mansfield's Mount Bethel application was not on the 2018-19 list, possibly due to having the Watters and Heiser grants still open.

ADA compliance is continuing.

Assisted Mr. Wood by introducing him to a mechanical engineer who will provide an estimate for an analysis of the Municipal building heating and air conditioning.

Valley Road drainage plan will be provided to Mr. Wood.

Mr. Hayes asked Mr. Kastrud about the Stormwater webinar that the Township Committee and Land Use Board need to take by July 1, 2018.

Mrs. Mora Dillon asked Mr. Wood about the Valley Road drainage issue and where this was located.

Mr. Wood explained it is by Cary Warren Road which floods during heavy rain.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION 2018-49

AUTHORIZING PURCHASING FROM MORRIS COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACT #2 FOR HEATING FUEL OIL FROM FINCH FUEL OIL COMPANY, INC., PO BOX 468, KEARNY, NEW JERSEY 07032

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield wishes to purchase Heating Fuel Oil under Morris County Co-Op; and

WHEREAS, Morris County Co-Op awarded a contract to Finch Fuel Oil Company, Inc., PO Box 468, Kearny, NJ 07032; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are requested in the 2018 budget for \$ 11,000 and the line item appropriation to be charged is 8-01-31-430-0000-4410; and

WHEREAS, the Township is authorized to make purchases through cooperative and state contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 and 12; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Chief Financial Officer to purchase Heating Fuel Oil through the Morris County Co-Op.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue purchase orders to Finch Fuel Oil Company, Inc., PO Box 468, Kearny, NJ 07032 through December 31, 2018.

Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2018-49, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. Misertino, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION 2018-50

AUTHORIZING PURCHASING FROM MORRIS COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACT #12 FOR ULTRA LOW SULFUR DIESEL FROM ALLIED OIL, LLC, 25 OLD CAMPLAIN ROAD, HILLSBOROUGH, NJ 08844

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield wishes to purchase Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel under Morris County Co-Op; and

WHEREAS, Morris County Co-Op awarded a contract to Allied Oil, LLC, 25 Old Camplain Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are requested in the 2018 budget for \$ 22,000 and the line item appropriation to be charged is 8-01-31-430-0000-4870; and

WHEREAS, the Township is authorized to make purchases through cooperative and state contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 and 12; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Chief Financial Officer to purchase Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel through the Morris County Co-Op.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue purchase orders to Allied Oil, LLC, 25 Old Camplain Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844 through December 31, 2018.

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2018-50, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. Misertino, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

#### RESOLUTION 2018-51

AUTHORIZING PURCHASING FROM MORRIS COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACT #1 FOR AUTOMOTIVE GASOLINE FROM ALLIED OIL, LLC, 25 OLD CAMPLAIN ROAD, HILLSBOROUGH, NJ 08844

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield wishes to purchase Automotive Gas under Morris County Co-Op Contract #1; and

WHEREAS, Morris County Co-Op awarded a contract to Allied Oil, LLC, 25 Old Camplain Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are requested in the 2018 budget for \$ 30,000 and the line item appropriation to be charged is 8-01-31-430-0000-4710; and

WHEREAS, the Township is authorized to make purchases through cooperative and state contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 and 12; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Chief Financial Officer to purchase Automotive gas through the Morris County Co-Op Contract #1.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue purchase orders to Allied Oil, LLC, 25 Old Camplain Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844 through December 31, 2018.

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2018-51, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. Misertino, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

#### PUBLIC PORTION:

John Valente, 6 Saxton Lane, spoke to the Township Committee in reference to the impending Ordinance for

videotaping and requested that the Township Committee look into posting meeting video footage on YouTube.

Alec Kocher stated that he had questions about the impending Ordinance but he would wait until the Township Committee can answer his questions.

Suyling Heurich, 343 Jane Chapel Rd., spoke in reference to the issues with the Department of Public Works and snow plowing and also when potholes are being filled.

COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS:

Mayor Watters spoke about the Warren County Governing Official's Association meeting that he and Mr. Hayes attended.

Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2018-52, which was seconded by Mayor Watters.

**2018-52**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING NJDOT ROUTE 80 ROCK MITIGATION PROJECT  
THROUGH THE DELAWARE WATER GAP**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) intends to build a series of high industrial fences and a 60-foot concrete pyramid called a “rockfall berm” along Route 80 through the Delaware Water Gap; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Route 80 Rockfall Mitigation will be built on lands located in Knowlton and Hardwick Townships and the Delaware National Water Gap Park; and

**WHEREAS**, stakeholders Knowlton Township and Hardwick Township have formally opposed the project, and have not given their permission for this project within their boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, construction of the Route 80 fence is slated to begin in 2020, may last two years, and will cost between \$55 and \$58 million dollars according to NJDOT estimates; and

**WHEREAS**, the stated intent of the fence and concrete berm is to prevent rockfall; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJDOT’s Concept Development Report acknowledges that “NJDOT provided limited rockfall event data, and the actual frequency of rock activity is unknown” for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, there are no documented rockfall events nor any recollections of significant rockfall events over the last ten years within Area “D” portion of the project where the concrete pyramid is to be placed; and

**WHEREAS**, there are 70 to 80 motor vehicle accidents on Route 80 in this section of Route 80 annually due to speed and poor road conditions yet this project involves no road improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, two years of construction on Route 80 will have significant negative impact on residents and on emergency personnel's ability to get to nearby hospitals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware Water Gap is a nationally prominent scenic wonder and a gateway to the one of the most widely used National Parks in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project will directly impact the viewshed of the Appalachian Trail, which has an entrance at the Delaware Water Gap Park; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, 3.7 million visitors to the Delaware National Water Gap park spent \$126.3 million in communities within 60 miles of the park and supported 1887 jobs\*; and

**WHEREAS**, tourism to the Delaware Water Gap and the scenic value of Northwest New Jersey will likely be negatively impacted by the proposed fence; and

**WHEREAS**, the millions of dollars appropriated for this non-essential project could be better directed to creating a safe passageway on Route 80 itself through the Delaware Water Gap.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED** on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018, the Township of Mansfield, Warren County opposes the current NJDOT Route 80 Rockfall Mitigation Project and requests the assistance of the following elected representatives in halting the current NJDOT project.

- 1) U.S. Congressman Josh Gottheimer
- 2) U.S. Senator Cory Booker
- 3) U.S. Senator Bob Menendez
- 4) State Senator Steven Oroho
- 5) State Assemblyman Parker Space
- 6) State Assemblyman Harold Wirths
- 7) Warren County Freeholders Ed Smith, Jason Sarnoski, and Rick Gardner

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township of Mansfield, Warren County encourages the NJDOT to continue Route 80 rock mitigation under the conditions that:

- a) Rock mitigation occurs in a manner that does not harm the viewsheds of the nationally recognized Delaware Water Gap and Appalachian Trail; and
- b) The project includes measures that address the speeding and/or dangerous road conditions causing far more accidents annually than rockfall.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Mr. Misertino

Mayor Watters asked for status regarding the dairy demo approval from Historic Preservation.

Mayor Watters requested phone system information for next meeting.

Mr. Hayes spoke to the Township Committee in reference to the Kiosk that Open Space will be placing at the park

donated through the Morris Canal Society.

Mr. Hayes stated that he volunteered to get a machine donated to clear the brush at the Mount Bethel Church but would need authorization to have one of the DPW workers come in on a Saturday to have the truck to be loaded with the stumps that are removed.

Mrs. Mora Dillon spoke in reference to the second reading of Ordinance 2018-02 being carried to March 28, 2018 for the Township Attorney to review the ordinance penalties and if they are constitutional, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. Misertino, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Mrs. Mora Dillon requested getting quotes for the field lining at the Recreation fields.

Mayor Watters asked if we could entertain an outside company performing the Street Sweeping and the catch basin sucking.

Mr. Misertino asked for clarification if the budget would be going to the Finance Liaisons at the end of March.

Mrs. Mora Dillon indicated they would be meeting with Mrs. Mollineaux next week.

Mr. Misertino requested that the personnel policy be changed to include the motion that was made at the last meeting to have the employees be able to carry 5 vacation days to the following year.

Mr. Farino spoke to the Township Committee in reference to the boiler and electric hot water heater install and made a motion to proceed with the install, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. Misertino, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Mr. Hayes made a motion to adjourn at 9:09 pm.